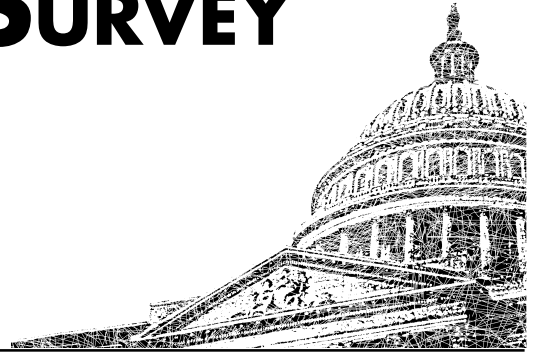


GORTON EDUCATION SURVEY

FOR WASHINGTON STATE PARENTS

U.S. SENATOR SLADE GORTON



Dear parent:

As a grandparent of seven school-aged kids, I know there is nothing more important than our children's future. With this in mind, I'd like to share with you, and hear your opinion on, one of the most important things I am working on as your U.S. Senator: **the quality of our children's education.** Please take a moment to fill out the following survey. Your feedback is very important to me. Thank you.

Slade

1. Are you generally happy or unhappy with your child's school?

- ☐ very happy
- ☐ somewhat happy
- ☐ neutral
- ☐ somewhat unhappy
- ☐ very unhappy
- ☐ don't know/no opinion

2. If you could identify one glaring problem in your child's school today, what would it be?

- ☐ lack of funding
- ☐ lack of discipline and order
- ☐ large class sizes
- ☐ lack of quality teachers
- ☐ lack of parental involvement
- ☐ not focusing on the basics
- ☐ low standards
- ☐ too much federal red-tape
- ☐ Other _____

3. a. What does your child's school do best?

3 b. What does your child's school do worst?

4. Considering that the federal government provides only 7% of the funding to our local schools, but 50% of the paperwork, I believe that the federal government has too much control and power over our local schools. Do you think the federal government should have additional or less oversight over our schools?

- ☐ the federal government should play a larger role in our schools
- ☐ the federal government should play a smaller role in our schools
- ☐ the federal government's role is about right
- ☐ don't know/no opinion

Here are a couple of questions about what I'm working in Congress.

5. I believe local school districts, parents, and teachers in our state should make the decisions about how the schools are run and our children are educated. I think the federal government has a role to help ***fund*** education, but not to dictate a one-size-fits-all policy, as schools in Washington State, New York, and Mississippi are all very different.

Regarding my approach, do you:

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know/no opinion

6. I am sponsoring a bill in the Senate that will allow states and local school districts to make decisions about how federal education dollars are spent in local schools. This bill takes spending authority for federal education dollars away from the federal government, and gives it to states and local districts, so that they can decide how that money should be spent.

Do you:

- ☐ Like this education reform legislation
- ☐ Dislike this education reform legislation
- ☐ don't know/no opinion

Comments, what do you like or dislike about this bill:

7. What else, in your opinion, can I do as a U.S. Senator to improve our local schools?

Please return this survey to a member of Gorton's staff or mail to:
U.S. Senator Slade Gorton, 730 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510 or fax it to (202) 228-1945

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